

App. No. 10/630,130
Amendment Dated: June 5, 2007
Reply to Office Action of March 5, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are canceled and new claims 18-37 are added. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the new claims.

I. Examiner Interview Dated May 2, 2007

Applicants spoke with Examiner Reyes on May 2, 2003, regarding the incomplete Office Action mailed on March 5, 2007. The missing portions of the Office Action were discussed. The missing portions of the Office Action were then faxed to Applicants' attorney on May 2, 2007.

II. Rejections to the claims

Claims 1-13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,566,328 issued to Eastep (hereinafter "Eastep"). Claims 1-17 are cancelled. Claims 18-37 are new. The rejections related to claims 1-17 are moot. With regard to new claims 18-37, they have been draft so as to not implicate a 35 U.S.C 101 rejection. Furthermore, new claims 18-37 include features that are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

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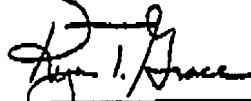
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III. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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